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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Large amounts of wasty and overripe barreled stock on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, February 4 resulted in the demand slowing up for American apples, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Prices on the whole were not much changed from those ruling last week but were probably somewhat depressed by the poor condition fruit flooding the market. The cargo of the S. S. Scythia was in particularly poor condition. The quality of New England apples ranged widely. The majority of the New York Rhode Island Greening offerings which were not packed in shredded oiled paper were scalded. Supplies of both boxes and barrels were moderate. The condition of the boxes was generally good. A large percentage of the boxed stock, though, was withdrawn from the auction because of the unsatisfactory prices.

The London apple market was much more active than last week. Oregon Newtowns met a strong demand. Washington Winesaps were in better inquiry also. Prices were on about the same levels as Liverpool for the first time in several weeks. Supplies of American apples were moderate. The condition of the boxed stock was good but many barreled offerings were scalded, mostly due to lack of shredded oiled paper. Sound barreled stock was in good demand.

Low grade apples continue to meet with little inquiry on the British markets. (The same is also true of continental markets.) Barreled apples packed in shredded oiled paper have been arriving practically free of scald but those not so packed, particularly York Imperials, Staymans and Rhode Island Greenings, have suffered heavy discount due to scald. Slacks have been numerous among New York and New England apples this season. This costs the shipper from fifty cents to seventy-five cents per barrel on the average. Apple and pear shipments are becoming lighter. The trade is of the opinion that the boxed apple market should be favorable from now on to the end of the season provided the supplies are not excessive.

Pear prices were slightly higher than those ruling last week at both Liverpool and London. The bulk of the offerings consisted of Washington Winter Nelis although some Oregon and California Nelis were also offered at Liverpool. Extra Fancy 193/smaller Oregon Anjous at London sold at \$2.55 to \$2.92 per box and the Fancy 165/180 size made around \$2.55.

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## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool		London	
	1930	1931	1931	1931
	February 5	January 28	February 4	February 4
APPLES	BASKETS: Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 inch min.	-	5.84-6.33	5.72-5.96	6.33-6.81
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	6.33-6.69	7.06-7.54	7.06-7.54	6.81-7.30
U. S. Comm. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	6.08-6.81	6.33-6.81	5.72-6.08	-
Staymans, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	5.72-6.33	5.96-6.33	5.84-6.08
Albermarle Pippins, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	8.59-9.49	7.91-8.15	-
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.	8.52-9.00	10.71	9.25-9.73	-
Winesaps, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	6.57	6.69	6.93-7.06	-
Ben Davis, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	5.60-5.84	-
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	5.11-5.72	4.62-5.11	4.99-5.47	5.47-5.96
Utility 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.	-	-	3.65-4.14	5.47-5.96
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	4.87-5.72	5.60-6.08	-
Baldwins, Maine				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	5.60-6.33	-
Baldwins, Mass.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	5.47-5.96	-
Winesaps, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175	2.68-2.74	2.74	2.55-2.68	2.43-2.68
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.55-2.68	2.43-2.55	2.68	2.49-2.80
Fancy 150/175	2.55	2.49-2.55	2.55	-
Fancy 188/smaller	2.43-2.55	2.31-2.49	2.37-2.55	-
Newtowns, Wash.				
Fancy 150/175	-	2.55	2.43	-
Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/125	3.95-4.14	2.68-2.92	2.92	2.80-3.04
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	3.47-3.53	2.55-2.62	2.55-2.68	2.55-2.80
Fancy 150/175	-	2.55-2.68	2.55-2.68	2.43-2.55
Fancy 188/smaller	-	2.43-2.55	2.43-2.55	2.31-2.55
Spitzenbergs, Oregon				
Fancy 150/175	2.98	2.55	2.43	-
Baldwins, Mass.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	2.13	-
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.	-	-	2.23-2.55	-
York Imperials, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	2.31-2.37	-
Staymans, Va.				
U. S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.	-	-	2.19	-
PEARS	BOXES:			
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 100/120	a/4.62-4.87	2.37-2.43	2.55	2.55
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	2.55	2.68	2.55-2.62

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ All grades and sizes.